



**Fiscal Year 2000
Alaska District Success Stories
Chernofski Harbor/Dutch Harbor C3 Zone FUDS**



Tanks and Buildings at Chernofski Harbor

FUDS PROPERTY NAME: Chernofski Harbor

FUDS No: F10AK0013

LOCATION: Amaknak/Unalaska, Alaska

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

In support of WWII operations at Fort Glenn, the U.S. Army built a main pier, 72 feet by 402 feet, three barge docks, and a repair dock in Mutton Cove of Chernofski Harbor with several support buildings and infrastructure. They also mounted two six-inch guns on the hill above the harbor.

By the summer of 1944, the site was placed in housekeeping status. Since the late 1920s, the area has been used for ranching. Approximately 80 acres on the eastern side of Chernofski Harbor is still used

for ranching. The Tanadgusix Native Corporation (TDX) owns the remainder of the land in the Chernofski Harbor area.

In FY 2000, the USAED, state historic preservation office (SHPO) and TERC contractor personnel visited the site in June 2000 to scope the investigations and removal actions. This work was performed in conjunction with another site visit to Fort Glenn (Site Number F10AK0298).

Three days were spent at the site to perform general site reconnaissance and to determine the extent of investigations and actions to be undertaken at the site.

Based on these site visits, workflow development and design activities are underway to include Building Demolition and Debris Removal and limited removal actions of wastes that pose a threat to human health and the environment.

COST SAVINGS

The USAED saved approximately \$75,000 on this program to date by sharing costs for transportation and housing and by coordinating this site visit with visits to Fort Glenn (Site Number F10AK0298) and Fort Learnard (Site Number F10AK0017).

In addition, cost savings on transportation were also realized by shared transportation with the annual resupply of the ranch and the University of Alaska Volcano Observatory.

SCHEDULE SAVINGS

The use of the boat to house and transport personnel lead to more efficient use of resources. Being able to shift the work to Ft. Glenn when conditions dictated, lead to schedule savings.

OTHER PROJECT SUCCESSES

Most of the buildings are still present at the Chernofski Harbor, although in a very dilapidated condition. Since the site is a significant WWII historical site, the USAED has to meet the concerns of not only the local stakeholders, but the SHPO as well. A representative of SHPO participated in the site visit and worked closely with the USAED FUDS project manager to incorporate SHPO's concerns during future site work.

An innovative approach during the site visit was used to house personnel. Normally, the personnel would fly to and stay at the sheep ranch. Because the ranch did not have enough quarters to accommodate all personnel; a 180' crab boat with suitable quarters was used for both transportation. Personnel stayed and had meals on the boat, and were shuttled via skiff to the beach site. Because this site visit was performed in conjunction with the Fort Glenn work, the USAED was also able to provide transportation for



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annual supplies for both the ranch and the University of Alaska Volcano Observatory, which was performing research in the Okmok Caldera on Umnak Island.

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

The USAED is pursuing a community relations program to be implemented at this site. This may include a possible Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) made up of local stakeholders to assist the USAED in future actions and to make sure local concerns are addressed.

NATURE OF SUCCESS

Innovated use of fishing vessel for both transportation, and living quarters for personnel allowed for personnel to shift to Fort Glenn as conditions dictated. Proactive involvement of SHPO personnel in early planning of onsite work in future years will contribute to more cost and schedule savings.

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